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A G E N D A

**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2003
AT 7 P.M.**

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2003
- III. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. MDT BIKE&RIDE PROGRAM UPDATE – R. Bradley, Director
 - B. US-1 BUS/BIKEWAY – S. Brand, OPTM
- IV. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. 2003 TRANS. ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS REVIEW – D. Henderson
- V. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - A. RICKENBACKER CSWY. UPDATE – J. Cohen, M-DPW
 - B. LUDLAM TRAIL EVENT – D. Henderson
 - C. JUNE 2003 PROGRESS REPORT – J. Manzella

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2003

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Frank Hernandez, Chair
Mike Hatcher, First Vice Chair
Norman Wartman, Second Vice Chair
Rolando Acosta
Joe Corradino
Jose de Almagro
Willie Duckworth
Daniel Fils-Aime
Maurice Gan
Mac Glasgow

Peggy Hollander
Ramon Irigoyen
Christopher Morton
Carline Paul
Emma Pringle
Ramon Ramos
Paul Schwiep
Lee Swerdlin
Naomi Wright
Andrea Young

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Dave Barlett, Citizen
Miles Moss, Citizen
Hudson Gaulman, Citizen
Peter Evans, Metro Aqua Cats
Claudette Hinton, MDT
Patrice Rosemond, OPTM
Jackie Genard, MPO Staff
David Henderson, MPO Staff

Mr. Frank Hernandez, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mac Glasgow moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mac Glasgow moved for the approval of the minutes for the June 25, 2003 meeting and the motion was seconded by Lee Swerdlin. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

Chair Hernandez informed the Committee that MPO Board Member Ronald Krongold appointed Peggy Hollander. Ms. Hollander stated that she became aware of the CTAC from the MPO Annual Newsletter.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

V. ACTIONS ITEM

A. 2003 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATIONS

David Henderson, MPO Staff, briefly explained that the Transportation Enhancements Program is funded by FHWA and comes through the FDOT to the MPO. The MPO prioritizes projects with input from all citizen committees, including CTAC. Monies allocated to the program is approximately \$2-\$3 million. MPO limits project requests to \$1 million per application cycle, but allow an individual project to apply for three years for \$3 million. Mr. Henderson then presented the 2003 enhancements applications for the members to review and rank. Results will be sent back to the CTAC once all rankings have been received and tallied.

B. CTAC ON MDX

Frank Hernandez explained that he spoke to Jose Mesa about the concern that CTAC does not have a voting seat on the MDX Board. A Resolution has already been made by the CTAC to retain their seat, but no action has been made. Norman Wartman suggested that each CTAC member lobby their individual MPO Board Member to let them know that CTAC would like to get their MDX seat back.

Mac Glasgow made a motion to pass a Resolution requesting a seat on the MDX Board. The motion was seconded by Lee Swerdlin. Discussion ensued that a letter be constructed to accompany the Resolution and that those who support the Resolution to discuss how to present this issue to their respective MPO Board Member should then

attend a subcommittee meeting. The Governor should be copied on the letter. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. HIGH SPEED FERRY SERVICE

Mr. Peter Evans gave a presentation regarding the proposed Rapid Mass Transit Ferry Service for Biscayne Bay. Mr. Evans explained that each boat in the fleet of 10 to 12 would be able to carry up to 149 passengers with cruising speeds of 30 mph. There would be over 45 Intermodal connection docks. It is estimated that commuters will realize a time savings of up to 50% with peak-time travels south from Aventura to the Financial District to be 45 minutes and heading north from Black Point Marina to the Herald Building to be approximately 40 minutes. There would be connectivity to other modes of transportation i.e. Metrorail, Metrobus, TriRail, etc. with 30 to 40 minute headways. Funding would be under the same Federal guidelines as the buses and Metrorail systems must adhere to. The service would be a public-private partnership that has been successful in other areas. The service would not be feasible to run in the canal system at this stage due to the constraints on speed and sensitive manatee breeding grounds. The service has been endorsed by Commissioner Souto and has been discussed at the June 2003 MPO Board meeting. Parking for the Ferry would be \$2.00 and approximately \$4.00 one-way. The service will be subsidized at a cost of \$3 million to \$5 million with an implementation cost of \$50 million. The idea for this service was conceived after the inception of the PTP. Service to restaurants and tourist areas have been identified and will be linked up to in the future. Adequate shelter will be provided on shore and on the boats for weather instances. A waiver has been requested for the RFP process due to Aqua Cats, Inc. being a sole source company for this particular type of service.

Mr. Evans explained to the Committee that he will be going to the September 18th Transportation Subcommittee with the project and would like to have gone through CTAC's Subcommittee and full Committee, again, in hopes of receiving endorsement.

Mac Glasgow moved to send this issue to Transit/Maritime Joint Subcommittee for further consideration and was seconded by Carline Paul. After discussion and being put to a vote, the motion passed with four dissents.

Norman Wartman moved to adopt a Resolution supporting the "concept" of the proposal and should be moved through the appropriate committees for further evaluation. After further discussion a friendly amendment was made by Mac Glasgow to accept the service as a "concept/idea" and was seconded by Peggy Hollander. After discussion and being put to a vote, the motion passed with one dissent.

B. BAY LINK

Mr. Hernandez explained that back in June 2002 a Resolution was passed recommending that the MPO Governing Board select Alternative A2 "The Big Loop" and Alternative B3 "Alton Road" as the locally preferred rail alignment alternatives for the Bay Link light Rail project after many presentations were made. He also explained that Miami Beach

hired a private consultant and they did not accept the MPO findings as feasible. This has come back to the Committee as requested by CTAC member, Lee Swerdlin, to revisit the issue.

Legal has informed the Committee that in order to revisit an issue that already has a Resolution, the full body would have to vote that the issue be taken to subcommittee, where it be further discussed. Once a consensus was achieved at the subcommittee it would be sent back to the full committee at which time the original Resolution can be rescinded for a new Resolution.

Mr. Swerdlin explained that he would like to revisit the issue because he felt the original decision made was not the right decision in light of new information that has been made available.

Mr. Dave Barlett agreed that the Committee did endorse the Bay Link based on the information from one year ago and that the world can change. He also reiterated that back in November 2002 the public voted the half penny tax, which will fund very aggressive transit projects like the East-West Metrorail line. This heavy rail line is slated to run from FIU to the Airport through Little Havana and then go underground to serve downtown and the Port of Miami. This line has gone through years of planning and public hearings and has a record of decision for funding from the federal Government. It is currently being re-evaluated as a result of the new federal building. The subway line could extend to Miami Beach with a cost equivalent to the current Bay Link option. The EIS stated that the alternative should operate within traffic therefore, the heavy rail alternative was not properly addressed.

After much discussion, Maurice Gan moved to table the item until Miami Beach makes a decision as to what alternative they want to implement. Naomi Wright seconded the motion, which passed with five dissents.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

For purpose of time restrictions Mr. Hernandez asked that the Subcommittee Chairs submit any reports to the Secretariat to then be emailed to the Committee. He recognized Maurice Gan's efforts and successful Maritime Subcommittee held July 16th.

Mr. Hernandez stated that both Jason Lichtstein and Miles Moss resigned for personal reasons and to become a CITT member, respectively. Peggy Hollander appointed by Mr. Ronald Krongold at the MPO Board meeting on July 24, 2003.

A welcome letter was sent to George Burgess congratulating him and inviting him to one of our meetings. Mr. Burgess sent a thank you letter letting CTAC know he is very aware of them and looks forward to working with them in the near future.

Commissioner Natacha Seija's item 13d of the July 8th BCC meeting attempted to amend the ordinance language of the CITT Nominating committee. The item was deferred to the September Transportation Meeting due to a lack of support from other Commissioners during their July transportation Subcommittee. The Subcommittee approved a draft Resolution for this month's meeting.

Carline Paul moved to pass the Resolution drafted at the subcommittee opposing the proposed language to the Miami-Dade County Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) ordinance regarding the application process for slate selection. The motion was seconded by Lee Swerdlin. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with one abstinence.

Mr. Hernandez suggested the Committee recognize Mr. Miles Moss formally and publicly for his active membership on CTAC. He also informed the Committee that he would be looking into what needs to be done to allow a citizen serve on both the CTAC and CITT Boards.

Norman Wartman made a motion to adopt a Resolution to be presented at the next MPO meeting recognizing Miles Moss for all the time and effort and many contributions he has made over the years of service. The motion was seconded by Mac Glasgow and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hernandez informed the Committee that all citizen requests, as a result of the Annual MPO Newsletter, have been sent to the appropriate agency for their responses.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE
- B. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
- C. ELDERLY AND DISABLED SUBCOMMITTEE
- D. AVIATION SUBCOMMITTEE – Mike Hatcher informed the committee that he attended the Aviation Transportation Committee Meeting at the Opa-Locka Airport and looks forward to attending and becoming more active with the airport community.
- E. MARITIME SUBCOMMITTEE
- F. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

(No reports were given for items A-C, E, and F due to lack of time)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Naomi Wright explained to the Committee that there was a meeting of the North corridor Citizens' action Committee Monday, July 28th. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain input on the implementation of the North Corridor reevaluation of Final Environmental Impact Statement including Metrorail alignment options along 27th Avenue between 69th Street and the Dade/Broward county line. There was standing room only showing the citizens' interest in the project. The community voted 100% to have the implementation of the original 1999 alignment of that rail system. The alignment presents the rail from being structured down the center of 27th avenue, instead being a curbside alignment. In attendance were several officials and 3 members from the CITT. The CITT members promised to accurately convey the citizens' request at there meeting the next day. Ms. Wright attended the CITT meeting the next day and was happy to announce the members lived up tot heir promise.

At the CITT meeting, Ms. Wright reported that the Public Comment section was number three on the agenda as frank Hernandez had requested at their last meeting. She informed the

Committee that she reminded the CITT board that they were in fact a product of the community and not of the County Commission and that their independence is their strength and they should not bow down to any other committee. She also informed the CITT that they are mandated to keep the public informed via website. They will be looking into constructing a website with agendas and quarterly reports that will be made available to the citizens.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

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